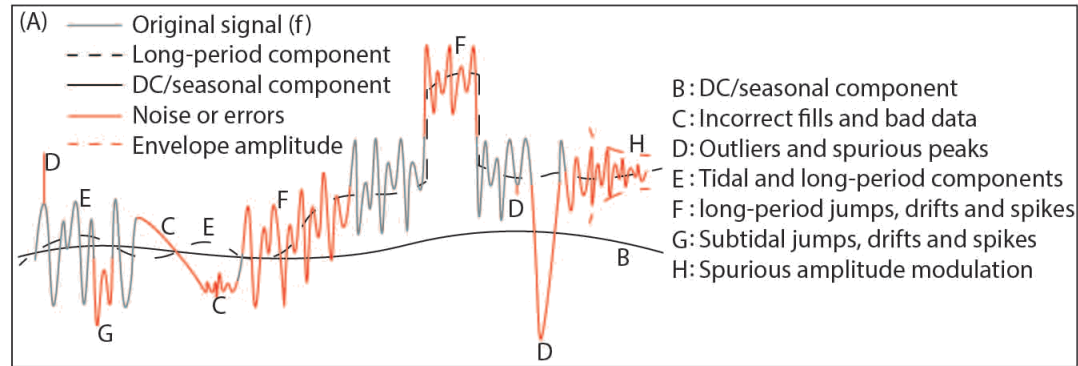


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Need for data cleanup

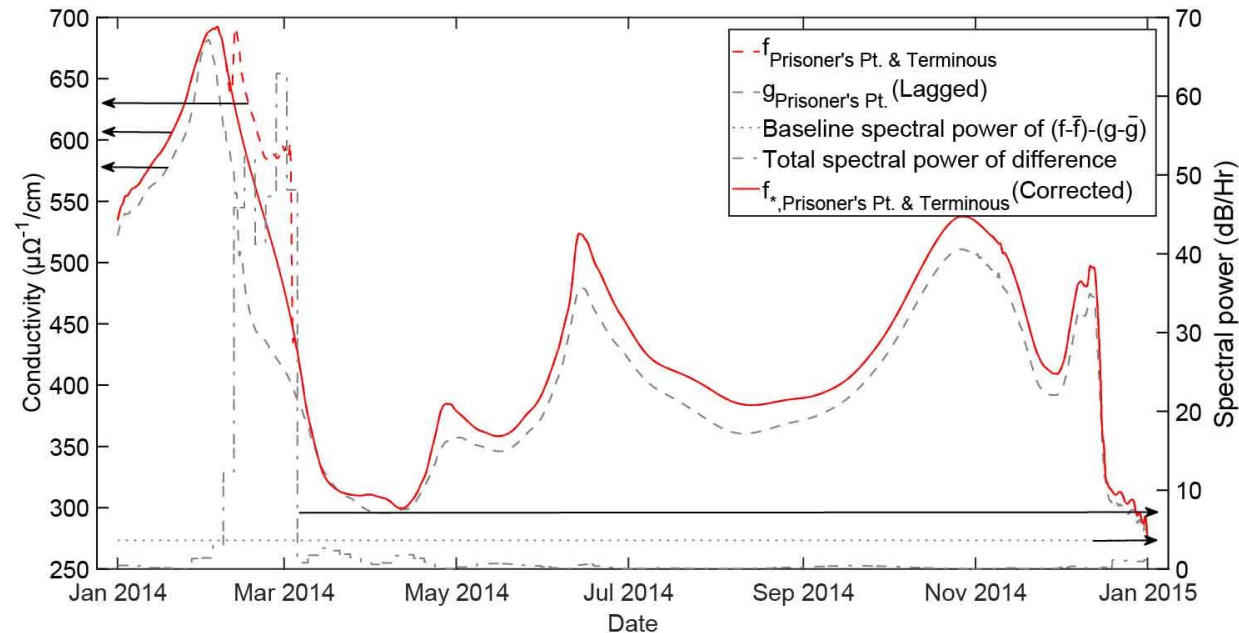
- Tide data is corrupted by various sources of error:
 - erroneous outliers,
 - junk data and blocky interpolations,
 - sudden shifts due to jolts,
 - drifts due to instrument biases,
 - spurious amplitude modulations due to scale errors,
 - high-frequency noise,
 - poor timekeeping, and
 - biases and modulations conflated with unsteadiness in the freshwater flow in estuaries.
- Corrupted data has to be subjected to extensive Quality Control:
 - can delay data delivery from days to years, and
 - urgent need for a rapid QC framework as data demand increases with state-of-the-art analysis techniques.

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Pre-processing for an estuarine signal

- Consider two signals spatially close by,
- Assume errors are *iid*,
- Get the periodogram of their difference,
- Remove parts with large spectral energy, and
- Reconstruct with a spline



Results

- Martinez: jumps, blocky interpolations, outliers
- Vizag: outliers
- Bournemouth: drift, damping
- Garwood Bridge: nothing wrong – sanity check
- Prisoner's Point: real and spurious jumps, outlier

Conclusions and future directions

- Automatic tool is fast and relatively error free.
- Utilizes multiple advanced signal processing techniques... requires parameter tuning.
- Uses proprietary tools and techniques:
 - DSP toolbox (Mathworks Inc. 2016),
 - WMTSA toolbox (Cornish et al. 2006),
 - Wavelet despiking (Patel et al. 2014)
- Needs extensive testing.
- Hilbert transforms may offer a more elegant one-stop shop approach.
- Need to work on a parameter tuning procedure.
- Will be available online and open source soon at a NOAA portal.

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